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Hathaway, Union Pacific, First Data, Inacom, Mutual of Omaha, Peter Kiewit Sons, (inaudible), and First National of Nebraska. The reason I took note of that is because when we are struggling to have enough money for what I've heard described as good A bills yet to come on the floor, and I see an entity that is 130 years old, with 11,000 employees that didn't just hear about health care yesterday, that understands full well how important health care is as a benefit to employees in recruiting, employing and retaining teammates in the overall effort, it struck me as strange that we would be asked to provide what's really a relatively insignificant sum in the totality of things. Nothing is insignificant, but we were asked for \$3.1 million, as Chairman Wehrbein said, \$3.1 million plus \$5.4 million, which is \$8.5 million. The Governor recommended \$2 million and \$2 million, that's only \$4 million, so he cut it by more than in half, but the Appropriations Committee, and I'll yield some time to Senator Wehrbein, decided it should be \$3 million and \$3 million, which I then calculate as being three-tenths of 1 percent of the total...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: ...annual revenues,...did you say time, Mr. President?

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: I said one minute.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Thank you,...total annual revenues of the university. And in my time this afternoon I'd like to explore why that is necessary, because you can pull up the university's web site and you can see that they are, as a part of their effort to build a better university, telling us that they have reallocated \$20 million in the last biennium. That means...I don't think reallocation is a mystery. That means they get to move it wherever they want it. And under the Exon v. Board of Regents decision by the Nebraska Supreme Court, that's exactly what they're entitled to do. So in the last biennium they moved \$20 million where they wanted it to be and thought it best ought to be, and they say in their web site that they're going to move another \$20 million in this biennium...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Time.